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## **Florida Virtual School Student from Ocala Graduates in Top 5 of Class**

**Orlando, FL (June 15, 2020)** – Florida Virtual School® (FLVS®), a statewide online public school district, is proud to recognize local Ocala resident, Marina Fernandes, for finishing in the top five of the FLVS Full Time Class of 2020. There are a projected 800 students in this year's FLVS Full Time graduating class.

"FLVS has helped me have stability throughout my school career despite moving across the state, to areas without strong schools that did not provide access to rigorous courses, my education has stayed consistent and engaging," said Fernandes. "If not for FLVS Full Time, I would never have been able to take dual enrollment courses at University of Florida, nor would I have been able to accumulate so much college credit. Because of the flexible nature of FLVS, I have also been able to receive a great education while also trying to run a small business, as well as engage in volunteering for my community."

Fernandes, who was enrolled with FLVS Full Time since sixth grade, will continue her education by attending the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. She plans to major in Computer Engineering. Fernandes added, "I plan to one day work in research, in order to create more efficient electronics for both consumer and professional markets."



"We are so proud of the FLVS Full Time Class of 2020 and our top five GPA students. Congratulations to Marina and her classmates. Their amazing accomplishment is an example of how students can excel in online education," said Robin Winder, Senior Director for Instruction at FLVS. "As our graduates move forward with their next chapter, we hope the foundation they have built at FLVS will lead them to continue their success, whether it be in academics or the workforce."

This year's graduation ceremony will take place online with a YouTube premiere honoring the incredible achievements of FLVS Full Time students at [flvs.net/classof2020](https://flvs.net/classof2020) on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 4 p.m. Students can check out the [FLVS Full Time Graduation page](#) for exclusive content and Class of 2020 downloads.

Fernandes chose FLVS Full Time for her education, "due to my background in homeschooling; it let me keep the flexibility I enjoyed from my previous program, while also providing me with a richer educational experience - one with a significantly larger support group of teachers and other students."

For more information on FLVS Full Time, please visit [flvs.net/fulltime](https://flvs.net/fulltime).

### **About Florida Virtual School Full Time (FLVS Full Time)**

FLVS Full Time is a free, statewide, online public school serving students in grades Kindergarten-12. As a fully accredited public school with a traditional academic calendar from August to June, FLVS Full Time offers comprehensive, full-time online learning for all Florida students. The school delivers a structured schedule with built-in flexibility. Courses are available online 24/7, allowing students the flexibility to study any time and any place. In addition, students meeting Florida graduation requirements are able to receive a standard Florida diploma. The combination of certified teachers, a proven curriculum, technology tools, and community experiences creates a supportive and successful online learning environment for families and students who want a personalized education. To learn more, visit [flvs.net/fulltime](https://flvs.net/fulltime).

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